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Sir/Madam:

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed May 19, 2006, and applicant's attorney has not received an Official Filing Receipt from the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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